Poetry.

THE HAND UPON THE LATCH.

My cottage home is filled with light The long long summer day, But, ah! I dearer love the night, And hail the sinking ray, For ever restores me one whose smile

Doth more than morning match-

And life afresh seems dawning while

His hand is on the latch.

When autumn fields are thick with sheaves, And shadows earlier fall. And grapes grow purple 'neath the eaves, Along our trellaced wall-I dreaming sit-the sleepy bird Faint twittering in the thatch-

His hand upon the latch. In the short winter afternoon I throw my work aside, And through the lattice, while the morn Shines misty and wide-On the dim upland paths I peer

To wake to joy when soft is heard

In vain his form to catch-

I startled with delight to hear

His hand upon the latch.

His hand upon the latch.

Yes: I am his in storm and shine; For me he toils all day; Both near me and away, And when he leaves our garden gate, At morn his steps I watch— Then patiently till eve await

Select Tale.

THE HAUNTED AND THE HAUNTERS.

BY SIR E. BULWER LYTTON.

[Continued from our last.]

The American and his wife took charge of the little boy, the deceased brother having by his will left his sister the guardian of his only child-and in event of the child's death, the sister inherited. The child died about six months afterward-it was supposed to have been neglected and ill-treated. The neighbors deposed to have heard it shriek at night. The surgeon who had examined it after death, said that it was emacrated as if from want of nourishment, and the body was covered with livid seems nearly a hundred years old." bruises. It seemed that one winter night the child had sought to escape-crept out into the back-yard -tried to scale the wall-fallen back exhausted, and been found at morning on the stones in a dying state. But though there was some evidence of cruelty, there was none of murder; and the aunt and her husband had sought to palliate cruelty by alleging the exceeding stubbornness and perversity of the chila, who was declared to be half-witted. Be that as it may, at the orphan's death the aunt inherited her brother's fortune. Before the first wedded year was out the American quitted England ever returned to it. 'He obtained a cruising vessel, which was lost in the Atlantic two years feerward. The widow was left in affluence: various kinds had befallen ber .- a investment failed-she went into and became insolvent-then she en tered into service, sinking lower and lower, from

housekeeper down to maid-of-all-work-never long! retaining a place, though nothing peculiar against her character was ever alleged. She was considered sober, honest, and peculiarly quiet in her ways; still not ing prospered with her. And so she had dropped into the work-house, from which Mr. Jhad taken her, to be placed in charge of the very house which she had rented as mistress in the first year of her wedned life.

Mr. J --- added that he had passed an hour alone in the unfurnished room which I had urged him to destroy, and that his impressions of dread waile there was so great, though he had neither heard nor seen anything, that he was eager to have the walls bared and the floors removed as I had suggested. He had engaged persons for the work, and would commence any day I would name.

The day was accordingly fixed. I repaired to the haunted bouse-we went into the blind dreary room, took up the skirting, and then the floors. Under the rafters, covered with rubbish, was found a trap-door, quite large enough to admit a man. It was closely nailed down with clamps and rivets of iron. On removing these we descended into a room floor. The liquid was spilled—the saucer was bro- rich?" below, the existence of which had never been suspected. In this room there had been a window and a flue, but they had been bricked over, evidently for many years. By the help of candles we exunined this place; it still retained some mouldering furniture—three chairs, an oak settle, a table—all of the fashion of about eighty years ago. There was a chest of drawers against the wall, in which we found, half-rotted away, old-fashioned articles of a man's dress, such as might have been worn eighty or a hundred years ago by a gentleman of some rank-costly steel buckles and buttons, like those yet worn in court-dresses-a handsome court sword-in a waistcoat which had once been rich with gold lace, but which was now blackened and foul with damp, we found five guineas, a few silver coins, and an ivory ticket, probably for some place of entertainment long since passed away. But our main discovery was in a kind of iron safe fixed to the wall, the lock of which cost us much trouble to get picked.

In this safe were three shelves and two small drawers. Ranged on the shelves were several small bottles of crystal, hermetically stopped. They contained colorless volatile essences, of what nature 1 shall say no more than that they were not poisons -phosphor and ammonia entered into some of them. There were also some very curious glass tubes, and a small pointed rod of iron, with a large lump of rock-crystal, and another of amber-also a loadstone of great power.

In one of the drawers we found a miniature portrait set in gold, and retaining the freshness of its colors most remarkably, considering the length of destroyed in support of my philosophy. Mr. J passed by that house this morning." time it had probably been there. The portrait was that of a man who might be some what advanced in

middle life, perhaps forty-seven or torty-eight. It was a most peculiar face — a most impressive face. If you could fancy some mighty serpent transformed into man, preserving in the human lineaments the old serpent type, you would have a better idea of that countenance than long descriptions can convey; the width and flatness of frontal -the tapering elegance of contour disguising the strength of the deadly jaw- the long, large, terrible his arm and pointed to the street below.

eye, glittering and green as the emerald - and A well-dressed man had crossed from the oppo-

traits in the world—the portrait of a man of a rank of the noble three centuries ago.

withal a certain ruthless calm, as if from the con- site side, and was accosting the carrier in charge of

even at the time of his death. But a few years!-

"But is it possible? I have known this man."

minions. The man was a Frenchman-his nam

whom reluctantly I resigned the minature.

a giant had swayed and rocked them.

or whatever analogous power it might be called,

was dead? and if the spell had been wrought, and,

cay, was thus answering, when I caught hold of word.

silent and wondering, Mr. J -- said,

"How-where?" cried I.

of his contemporaries, and you will find reference to youth !" his wild daring, his bold profligacy, his restless spi- Seized by the same thought, we both hastened with pain, they hurt you so. It don't give much rit, his taste for the occult sciences. While still in down stairs. I was first in the street; but the man pleasure at any time. What the magic of it is we the meridian of life he died and was buried, so say had already gone. I-caught sight of him, however can't tell, but so it is for all that. It seems only a

to escape the grasp of the law, for he was accused I was by his side. of crimes which would have given him to the heads- I had resolved to speak to him, but when I looked electrifies you; it warms your blood and sets your man. After his death the portraits of him, which into his face, I felt as if it were impossible to do so. heart a beatin' like a bass drum, and makes your had been numerous, for he had been a munificent That eye-the eye of the serpent-fixed and held eyes sparkle like stars in a frosty night. No langencourager of art, were bought up and destroyed me spell-bound. And withal, about the man's whole uage can express it; no letters will give the sound. -it was supposed by his heirs, who might have person there was a dignity, an air of pride and sta- Then what in natur' is equal to the flavour of it? been glad could they have erased his very name tion and superiority, that would have made any one What an aroma it has! How spiritual it is! from their splendid line. He had enjoyed a vast habituated to the usages of the world, hesitate ain't gross, for you can't feed on it; it don't cloy, wealth; a large portion of this was believed to have long before venturing upon a liberty or impertinfor the palate ain't required to test its taste. It is been embezzled by a favorite astrologer or soothsayer ence. And what could I say? what was it I would neither visible nor tangible, nor portable, nor trans--at all events, it had unaccountably vanished at ask? Thus ashamed of my first impulse, I fell a ferable. It is not a substance, nor a liquid, nor the time of his death. One portrait alone was sup- few paces back, still, however following the strang- vapour. It has neither colour nor form. Imaginabefore. It had made on me a wonderful impression in waiting, with a servant out of livery dressed ubiquitous. It is disembodied when completed, -as it does on all who behold it-a face never to like a valet-de-place at the carriage-door. In an- but instantly reproduced, and so is immortal. It troubles in the United States. be forgotten; and there was that face in the other moment he had stepped into the carriage, and is as old as the creation, and yet is as fresh and miniature that lay within my hand. True, that in it drove off. I returned to the house. Mr. J--in the portrait I had seen, or than the original was what the stranger had said to him.

why, between the date in which flourished that to."

direful noble and the date in which the miniature The same evening I happened to go with a friend was evidently painted, there was an interval of to a place in town called the Cosmopolitan Club, a more than two centuries. While I was thus gazing. place open to men of all countries, all opinions, all degrees. One orders one's coffee, smokes one's cigar. One is always sure to meet agreeable, some- transcendant in it. How it is adapted to all cir-"In India. He was high in the confidence of times remarkable persons.

I had not been two minutes in the noom before the Rajah of _____, and well-nigh drew him into beheld at a table, conversing with an acquaintance revolt which would have lost the Rajah his doof mine whom I will design by the initial Gthe man-the original of the Miniature. He was De V-, clever, bold, lawless. We insisted on now without his hat, and the likeness was yet more his dismissal and banishment: it must be the same man-no two faces like this-yet this miniature startling, only I observed that while he was conversing there was less severity in the countenance: Mechanically I turned round the miniature to ex- there was even a smile, though a very quiet and amine the back of it, and on the back was engraved very cold one. The dignity of mien I had acknowla pentacle; in the middle of the pentacle a ladder, edged in the street was also more striking, a digand the third step of the ladder was formed by the nity akin to that which invests some Prince of the date 1765. Examining still more minutely, I de- East-conveying the idea of supreme indifference, tected a spring; this, on being pressed, opened the and habitual, indisputable, indolent but resistless mystery. back of the minature as a lid. Withinside the lid power.

were engraved, "Mariana to the-Be faithful in G-soon after left the stranger, who then that I will not mention, but it was not unfamiliar his attention.

o me. I heard it spoken of by old men in my child-

hood as the name borne by a dazzling charlatan who gentleman? "That? Oh, a very remarkable man indeed. ad made a great sensation in London for a year or so, and had fled the country on a charge of a double met him last year amidst the caves of Petra-the nurder within his own house-that of his mistress scriptural Edom. He is the best Oriental scholar nd his rival. I said nothing of this to Mr. J ..., I know, We joined company, had an adventure with robbers, in which he showed a coolness that We had found no difficulty in opening the first saved our lives, afterward he invited me to spend lrawer within the iron safe; we found great dif- a day with him in a house he had bought at Daficulty in spening the second; it was not locked mascus-a house buried among almond-blossoms but it resisted all efforts till we inserted in the chinks and roses—the most beautiful thing! He had lived yours, sir," said the auctioneer, handing the book few days. the edge of a chisel. When we had thus drawn it there for many years, quiet as an Oriental, in grand to the tar forth we found a very singular apparatus in the style, I hal suspect he is a renegade, immensely nicest order. Upon a small thin book, or rather a rich, very odd; by-the-by a great mesmeriser. I tablet, was placed a saucer of crystal; this saucer have seen him with my own eyes produce an effect was filled with a clear liquid on that liquid floated non inanimate things. If you take a letter from your a kind of compass, with a needle saifting rapidly pocket and throw it to the other end of the room, and walked off. round; but instead of the usual points of a compass he will order it to come to his feet, and you will were seven strange characters, not very unlike those see the letter wriggle itsely along the floor till it used by astrologers to denote the planets. A very bas obeyed his command. 'Pon my honor'tis true; was pleading the cause of an infant plaintiff, too peculiar, but not strong nor displeasing odor came I have seen him effect even the weather, disperse or the child up in his arms, and presented it to the from this drawer, which was lined with a wood that collect clouds, by means of a glass tube or wand. jury, suffused with tears. This had a great effect, we afterward discovered to be hazel. Whatever But he does not like talking of these matters to till the opposite lawyer asked, what made him cry? blood Royal. the cause of this odor it produced a material effect strangers. He has only just arrived in England; "He pinched me," answered the little innocent

men who were in the room-a creeping tingling let me introduce him to you." sensation from the tips of the fingers to the roots of "Certainly! He is English then? What is his

the hair. Impatient to examine the tablet I re- name?" inoved the saucer. As I did so the needle of the ... Oh !- a very homely one-Richards."

compass went round and round with exceeding "And what is his bir th-his family." whole frame, so that I dropped the saucer on the no doubt some parvenu, but rich-so infernally

ken-the compass relied to the end of the room- G-drew me up to the stranger, and the in and at that instant the walls shook to and fro, as if troduction was effected. The manners of Mr. Richards were not those of an adventurous traveler. The two workmen were so frightened that they Travelers are in general constitutionally gifted with ran up the ladder by which we had descended from high animal spirits; they are talkative, eager, imthe trap-door, but seeing that nothing more had perious. Mr. Richards was calm and subdued in happened, they were easily induced to return. tone, with manners which were made distant by the Meanwhile I had opened the tablet: it was bound loftiness of punctilious courtesy—the manners of in plain red leather with a silver clasp; it contain- former age. I observed that the English he spoke ed but one sheet of thick vellum, and on that sheet was not exactly of our day. I should even have were inscribed, within a double pentacle, words in said that the accent was slightly foreign. But then old monkish Latin, which are literally to be trans- Mr. Richards remarked that he had been little in lated thus: "On all that it can reach within these the habit for many years of speaking in his native walls-sentient or inanimate, living or dead-as tongue. The conversation fell upon the changes in man riding by stopped and enquired of a bright- pleased the Prince of Wales so much, has "expermooves the needle, so work my will! Accursed be the aspect of London since he had last visited our looking lad "what they did in there?" The urhe house, and restless be the dwellers therein." metropolis. G——then glanced off to the moral chin looked up, scanning his interrogator's face a stage We found no more. Mr. J --- burned the changes-literary, social, political-the great men moment, and then replied, "They tan hides, sir! tablet and its anathema. He razed to the founda- who were removed from the stage within the last That boy probably knew whereof he spoke. tions the part of the building containing the secret twenty years-the new great men who were coming room with the chamber over it. He had then the on. In all this Mr. Richards evinced no interest. courage to inhabit the house hand for a month, He had evidently read none of our living authors, study. Do not trim and prune the young vine in and a quieter, better-conditioned house could not and seemed scarcely acquainted by name with our the season of its blossoming. be found in all London. Subsequently he let it to younger statesmen. Once and only once he laughed; advantage, and his tenant has made no complaints. it was when G-asked him whether he had any But my story is not yet done. A few days after thoughts of getting into Parliament. And the Mr. J had removed into the house I paid him laugh was inward-sarcastic-sinister-a sneer a visit. We were standing by the open window and raised into a laugh. After a few minutes Gconversing. A van containing some article of fur- left us to talk to some other acquaintances who had niture which he was moving from his former house just lounged into the room, and I then said, quiwas at the door. I had just urged on him my the- etlyory that all those phenomena regarded as super-

"I have seen a miniature of you, Mr. Ri chards. mundane had emanated from a human brain; ad- in the house you once inhabited, and perhaps built, ducing the charm or rather curse we had found and if not wholly, at least in part, in-Street. You

was observing in reply, "That even if mesmerism, and then he fixed my gaze so steadfastly that I could not withdraw it-those fascinating serpent eyes. could really thus work in the absence of the opera-But involuntarily, and as if the words that transtor, and produce effects so extraordinary, still could late my thought were dragged from me, I added, in Lacklove, to a resolute evader of the noose matrimothose effects continue when the operator himself a low whisper, "I have been a student in the mys- nial. "I agree with you perfectly, ma'am," was ericton teries of life and nature; of the se mysteries I have the reply, "for bachelorism certainly is a luxury." indeed, the room walled up, more than seventy known the occult professors. I have the right to years ago, the probability was, that the operator

(Concluded in our next.)

Mystery of A Kiss. Squire. you are older than I be. I suppose you

sciousness of an immense power. The strange thing the van. His face, as he stood, was exactly front- will think all this sort of thing is clear sheer nonwas this-the instant I saw the miniature I recog- ing our window. It was the face of the miniature sense,-but depend upon it, a kiss is a great mysnized a startling likeness to one of the rarest por- we had discovered; it was the face of the portrait tery. There is many a thing we know that we can't explain, still we are sure it is a fact for all only below that of royalty, who, in his own day "Good Heavens!" cried Mr. J , that is that. Why should there be a sort of magic in shahad made a considerable noise. History says little the face of De V _____, and scarcely a day older king hands, which seems only a mere form, and or nothing of him; but search the correspondence than when I saw it in the Rajah's court in my sometimes a painful one too ?-for some folks wring your fingers off almost and make you fairly dance the chronicles, in a foreign land. He died in time not many yards in advance, and in another moment custom, like bowing, and nothing else; still there is more in it than meets the eye. But a kiss fairly young as ever. It pre-existed, still exists, and al- 000, among which are thirty negro husbands with the miniature the man was a few years older than was still at the street-door. He asked the carrier ways will exist. It pervades all natur'. The breeze white wives. as it passess kisses the rose, and the pendant vine "Merely asked whom that house now belonged stoops down and hides with its tendrils its blushes, as it kisses the limpid stream that waits in an eddy to meet it, and raises its tiny waves like anxious lips to receive it. Depend upon it, Eve learned it in Paradise, and was taught its beauties, virtues and varieties by an angel, there is something so cumstances! There is the kiss of welcome and parting, the long-lingering, loving present one, the 1 drachm; twice a day." stolen or the mutual one, the kiss of love, of joy, and of sorrow, the seal of promise, and the receipt of fulfilment. Is it strange, therefore, that a woman is invincible whose armory consists in kisses, smiles, sighs, and tears? Is it any wonder that poor old Adam was tempted and then ruined? It is very easy for preachers to get up with long faces now fitting out at Dundee for the Polar regions, Prince was accompanied by Admiral Sir Alexander and tell us he ought to have been more of a man. My own opinion is, if he had been less of a man it would have been better for him. I shall always £15,000, each. maintain to my dying day that kissing is a sublime

> AN INDUSTRIOTS HUSBAND .- "Arrah, Pat, why Quebec in the middle of June. did I marry you? just tell me that! for its mysel that's had to maintain ye, over since the blessed day that Father O'Flanaghan sent me home to your the charge, "and it's myself that hopes I may live will bring her back. to see the day when ye're a widder, weeping over the cold sod that covers me-and then I'll see how you'll get along without me, honey."

Pocahontas.—A sailor was passing a street boot auctioneer, and halted a moment to hear what was

affected surprise; "what is it?"

"No you don't poke it on to us," replied the tar

A CUNNING LAWYER. - A lawyer in Ireland, who upon the nerves. We all felt it, even the two work- says he has not been here for a great many years; The whole Court was convulsed with laughter.

don't you go to school?" 'The master will beat me-boo hoo-hoo!' "Well, then, take your books swiftness, and I felt a shock that ran through my " How do I know? What does it signify? boo hoo hoo! I can't help being licked, any way!

> What a glorious world this would be if all its inhabitants could say, with Shakspeare's shepherd Sir, I am a true laborer; I earn that I wear: of other men's good; content with my farm."

The way he did it-Tom sought in vain unhappy brother princes to unite in subscribing for a throne spark, to gain a footing with her; until, at length, of solid gold, to be presented to Her Majesty, as Too verdant he-too bashful she-till fortune did entice; she slipped- he caught her on his knee, and that, sir, broke the ice!

While the boys were out at "recess" recently at one of the village schools at South Adams, a gentle-

Force not the mind of the child to premature baffled the skill of physicians.

est. It is your old, dissembling hypocrite of whom | yielded a barrel of oil. you should beware. There is no deception in a bull dog. It is only the cur that sneaks up and bites you when your back is turned.

A crusty old bachelor says, the talk of women is usually about the men. Even their laugh is but

The conduct of a good policeman is thought to be described in the couplet of Pope's-Condemn the wrong, and yet the wrong pursue."

"You bachelors ought to be taxed," said Miss

Digby, will you take some of this butter?' 'Thank' can't take anything strong,' replied Digby.

Items, Foreign & Local.

There are in the town of Newbury says the Newburyport Herald, 75 persons who are upwards of 70 years of age: 49 who are between 70 and 80: 22 who are between 80 and 90, and 4 between 90 & 100.

A Levant paper gives an account of the betrothal of the Sultan's daughter to the son of Riza Pacha. The presents are of great value and beauty. They include a magnificent diadem in diamonds, valued at was daughter of His Serone Highness, Frederickupward of 4,000,000 piasters.

have decided on offering to the ex-Queen of Naples, Louis, Prince of Leinengen. On the 11th July, herself a German Princess. a crown of laurel in 1818, at the Royal Palace of Kew, Her late Royal gold. Each Princess will furnish one leaf, on which Highness was married, secondly, to His Royal

Port Natal to connect with Cape Town. Amusing ent Majesty. accounts are given of the Zulus at the sight of a Of late years, the Duchess of Kent has lived very train of cars in motion. Many of them tried to quietly at the Royal Palace of Kensington, and has keep up in running with the iron horse, but of been the very fountain of charity, and well-doing, course were soon distanced in the race.

posed to have escaped the general destruction; I er, undecided what else to do. Meanwhile he tur- tion can't conceive it. It can't be imitated or for- at New York, was Mr. W. H. Russell, the special her own account, but as the worthy mother of our had seen it in the house of a collector some months ned the corner of the street; a plain carriage was ged. It is confined to no clime or country, but is correspondent of the London Times, who has come excellent Queen, who has inherited her virtues, and out for the purpose of giving an account of the sound principles.

The negro population of New York is nearly 11,

A fresh persecution has been commenced against the Christians in Cochin China.

as a moral disecase, and it is now so treated. The Empire. following is the receipt of John Vine Hall, the father of the commander of the Great Eastern, which has enabled so many men to overcome the malady :-"Sulphate of iron, 5 grains; magnesia, 10 grains; peppermint water, 11 drachms; spirit of nutmeg, arrival of Prince Alfred. According to all accounts

A heavy failure in Prais is creating a sensation in France. M. Mires, a Jewish banker, has failed indebted to the Bank of France 30,000,000 francs Six screw ships, five of which were specially built for the Aretic fishery, and two sailing ships, are his Royal Highness at the public stairs, and the Five of the craft about to leave for the risky region Milne, and the officers of the "Nile," and the other have cost collectively £75,000, being an average of men of war.

It is said that Prince Alfred, while in Canada the West Indies for the Prince's reception. this summer, will travel through the same route his brother did last year. H. R. H. will arrive in gone to Trinidad, and that the St. George, with the

state that the Empress of Austria will remain some Admiral will again meet his Royal Highness, time longer at Madeira, and will not return till the The people of Demerara are deeply mortified at house." "Swate jewel," replied Pat, not relishing early part of May. The Queen of England's yacht learning that the Prince is not to visit them after

The famous Gaines law suit, which has been con- tion. tested for twenty seven years, was finally decided on the 14th ult., at Washington, in favour of Mrs. Gaines. She becomes possessed of enormously

valuable real estate in New Orleans and Baltimore. The fragments of Lord Macaulay's "History of "Going! one and sixpence-going! gone It is England" heve been printed, and will be out in

"Mine, sir," exclaimed jack, with a tone of un- House of Lordson Thursday, because it did not con- deadly drug, which in a very brief period terminatain the words "humble petition."

£1 per annum each.

of India, and that previous to undertaking his new duties his Grace will be united to a Princess of the

About 30 or 40 yards of the tunnel of the Manchester, Duffield and Lincolnshire Company's road at Sheffield, England, caved in on the 25th ult., other symptoms indicating poison. Two children, "Well my little fellow, what's the matter? Why causing the death of six men, and seriously injuring aged three and six years, expired before medical aid the seventh. The workmen who were killed were engaged in excavating for a cellar, and dug below and go home.' 'Then mother will beat me, thir- the foundation of the tunnel, thus causing it to

Gregory gave notice that on an early day he would had eaten .- Houlton Times. call the attention of Her Majesty's government to owe no man hate; envy no man's happiness; glad the expediency of a prompt recognition of the Southern Confederacy of America.

The first Prince of Tavancore has called on his to Central Park he drove, and took her thither. the sovereign of India. He himself offers to subscribe

Great preparations are being made in New York for the reception of Prince Alfred, who was soon expected to arrive there.

Polly Marshall, the actress in New York, who ienced religion," and of course retired from the "advancement" to the young lady in the given

A disease known as the "spotted fever; prevails was in fact a covenanted price paid for a certain to a great extent in Dauphin and Lebanour Counties, Pa., which has proved fatal in many cases, and

The Aroostook Pioneer says a monster bear weighing 600 pounds was killed a few weeks ago on the He who is passionate and hasty is generally hon- Tobique river, by a Mr. Shea. The old fellow

> self on board the Cunard mail steamship Niagara with the words staring them in the face. "Will during her recent voyage from Boston to this country, you marry me?" The young ladies, probably, -Eng. Paper.

Mechanical or automatic baking machines on a small scale are introduced into England. A sack of flour can be prepared for use in a few minutes. The sponge and dough require an extra workman Rowe from the hotel in which he was staying in and the whole affair is easily managed by one per- Oxford, Benton county Ohio. King, the keeper Not till I had finished did I raise my eyes to his, .. They know the right, and they approve it too, son. It is coming rapidly into use in public in- of the hotel, said that the doctor had been called stitutions and government military stations.

We (News) understand that Professor Jack has As however, the missing man had \$2,000 about his retired from his situation in the University of Fred- person, it was strongly suspected that he had been

eyeholes of needles by hand, children, who are the operators, acquire such a dexterity as to be able to you, ma'am, I belong to the temperance society- punch a human hair, and thread it with another for the three villains are in custody awaiting their the amusement of visitors.

General Aews.

Death of the Duchess of Kent.

By the arrival of the "Africa," at New York we have the painful news of the demise of Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Kent, mother of Her Most Gracions Majesty, who departed this life on Saturday. 16th March.

Her late Royal Highness, Victoria Maria Louise, Francis-Anthony, Duke of Saxe-Cobourg Saalfield, At the suggestion of the Dowager Grand Duchess and sister of Prince Leopold, Saxe-Coburg, King of of Mecklenburg Strelitz, the Princesses of Germany the Belgians. She was first married to Charles-Highness the Duke of Kent, who died on the 23d A railroad has been built in South Africa from January, 1820 leaving an only daughter, her pres-

in every respect. Her goodness and beneficence have Among the passengers by the steamship Arabia, rendered her very popular in England, not only on

Her Majesty has ever been most devotedly attached to her mother, whom she visited often and regularly; and although there will be all the usual ceremonies of Court mourning, and other outward signs of woe, doubtless Her Majesty will feel deeply as an affectionate daughter, the loss of the worthy and faultless mother who has now departed, and of It is settled that drunkeness is a physical as well whose memory she may well be proud .- Colonial

> BERMUDA AND THE WEST INDIES .- Very lengthy and animated descriptions are given in the Barbadoes papers of the demonstrations made on the the reception of His Royal Highness was enthusiastic, and hearty to a degree beyond all anticipation. There were arches erected, streets and buildings variously decorated, -Balls, public and private, given, and public addresses presented. The Governor and the General commanding the troops, met

Great preparations are being made throughout

It is said that Admiral Milne in the "Nile," had Prince, was first going to St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Advices from Vienna, in the Anysburg Gazette, Martinique, Antigua, and then Jamaica, where the

having made costly preparations for his recep-

DISTRESSING INCIDENT .- On the evening of Friday last, Dr. Carter, Dalhousie, put an end to his mortal existence by taking poison. For a few days previous to the distressing event, he had been in a state of temporary insanity, from the effect of intoxicating drink. During that time he was narrowly watched by some friends, notwithstanding he suc-A petition from the Quakers was refused in the ceeded in a moment of desperation to drink the ted his earthly career. Medical aid was immediately Mr. Spurgeon's tabernacle contains 4,500 sittings, obtained, but the Doctor was beyond the reach of of which 1,000 are free; more than 3,000 are let at human skill. He was an able physician, and much respected in his profession. The death, especially There is a rumor that the Duke of Newcastle will in such painful circumstances, is much deplored by succeed Lord Canning in the Governor Generalship every reflecting person in the County of Restigouche.

. WHOLE FAMILY POISONED .- We learn from Dr. Martin of this place, that the family of Mr. Erastus Estabrooks of Amity, consisting of seven members, were recently attacked with chills, vomiting, and could reach them in time to prove availing. The other members of the family have recovered. The Dr. thinks as the patients readily yielded to treatment, that the poison was of an animal nature and In the British Parliament, on the 4th inst., Mr. was by some means mixed with the food which they

> CURIOUS LEGACY CASE.—The Dublin law courts were on Friday occupied with a case in which a clergyman was such an excessive snufftaker as to disgust his future rather-in-law so much that, on the bridal evening, the old gentleman slipped £1,-000 to the son-in-law with one hand, while with the other he withdrew from him his snuff-box! The reverend recipient took the money and for aught that appeares to the contrary, abandoned the habit. Subsequently the father-in-law willed £1,000 to each of his daughters who might "not have previously got a pecuniary advancement " and on h death the question arose-Was the previous £1,000 sense? The Coart had that it was not? that it act of self-denial on the part of the husband.

A MISTAKE. - In one of the Washington churches last Sunday a pretty occurrence took place. After service a young man, who carries the collecting plate as usual, put his band in his vest pocket to place upon it a piece of money before starting to collect. He dropped as he supposed a quarter on the plate, and without looking at it, passed around among the congregation. Instead of silver, however, Mr. James Parr, of St. John, N. B., hung him- he had inadvertently placed a conversation lozenge thought this was an unusual mode of " proposing!" but, no doubt, it was the sight of them which caused

MURDER WILL OUT .- Some two years ago wo chronicled the mysterious disappearance of Dr. away to see a patient in some town about thirty miles off, and that was all he knew of the matter. murdered. After two years quiet but active inquiry by a detective, it has been discovered that An English paper says that in punching the King, with the assistance of two men, Rogers and Haggett, inveigled the doctor to a farm house on the pretence of seeing a patient, and that when there he was murdered. King has confessed, and trial. They will doubtless be hanged. - Exchange